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ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

1. Farr, Douglas.
Sustainable urbanism : urban design with nature / Douglas Farr. Wiley,
©2008. 304 p. 307.76 FAR

This book makes a strong case for sustainable urbanism and captures the emerging design reform movement that combines creation and enhancement of a sustainable human environment which includes housing, car-free areas, locally-owned stores, walkable neighborhoods, and universal accessibility. Sustainable urbanism is an integration of walkable and transit-served urbanism with high-performance buildings and high performance infrastructure. The book is an action call concerning the design of places where people live, work, and play. -- CH

THE ARTS

2. Louvish, Simon.
Cecil B. DeMille : a life in art / Simon Louvish. 1st U.S. ed. Thomas
Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, 2008. 507 p. 791.43023 DEM

Shifting from comedy to drama, Louvish, a former documentary filmmaker who has written biographies of W.C. Fields, Laurel and Hardy, the Marx Brothers and Mae West, surveys the career of pioneering director DeMille. Today, he is mainly remembered as the creator of lavish Hollywood epics such as *Samson and Delilah* (1949) and *The Ten Commandments* (1956), but the flamboyant biblical spectacles were only a fraction of DeMille's 80 films. His 1930s films focused on frontier America. During that same period he became a familiar voice in American households, reaching 40 million weekly listeners as the host of the popular Lux Radio Theater. Louvish highlights the hokum and hype, but he also offers his insightful analyses of the films, capturing the pictorial beauty and apocalyptic aspects along with DeMille's working methods and industry innovations. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2008)

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

3. Arussy, Lior.
Excellence every day : make the daily choice—inspire your employees and amaze your customers / Lior Arussy. CyberAge books/Information Today, ©2008. 219 p. 658.812 ARU

Arussy applies his vast experience to help corporate organizations achieve their objectives and compete effectively by motivating their employees and changing their mind-set. To stand out from the crowd, companies must vest more authority in their employees and change their responsibility level. “Daily Choice,” as the author calls it, is targeted to empower every employee significantly towards taking the organization to a new height of excellence and delighting customers with enhanced satisfaction level. Arussy’s approach is bottom up that begins at the employee level and gradually translates into a delightful customer experience. This is a must read book that holds good value for both executives as well as employees. -- K

4. Blanchard, Kenneth H.
The one minute manager builds high performing teams / Ken Blanchard, Donald Carew, Eunice Parisi-Carew. 3rd ed. William Morrow & Co., ©2009. 110 p. 658.402 BLA

Illustrating the significance of teamwork in an organization’s success, this book demonstrates how corporate managers can best use this tool. It tells them how they can achieve greater organizational success by making their teams more effective. The authors recognize four stages of development for any team in becoming a high performing team—orientation, dissatisfaction, integration, and production. Managers need to understand these stages and steer their teams quickly through them to unleash the power of teamwork. -- K

5. Harvard business review on talent management. Harvard Business School Pub. ©2008. 196 p. 658.3 HAR

This volume brings together a remarkable collection of articles from *Harvard Business Review* that offers insight into talent management in an organization. It rightly recognizes that “if great talent is hard to find, it’s ever harder to keep.” This is more significant in the today’s competitive world.

Losing out key talent corresponds to loss of crucial business opportunities. The essays stress recognizing vital talents in an organization and offer tools to retain them. The scope of the volume includes issues like workforce management, staff motivation, mid-career employees, maintaining productivity of the employees, retaining talented employees, and retirement concerns. Managers, especially those dealing with human resource issues, will find a lot to explore from this excellent compilation. -- CH/K/M/ND

6. The Internet and American business / edited by William Aspray and Paul E. Ceruzzi. MIT Press, ©2008. 596 p. 384.33 INT

This book discusses the development of the Internet and its impact on American industries and businesses. It highlights some of the business areas like retail, travel, health care, higher education, music, etc., that are directly affected by the Internet. It describes new business models, new companies, the rise of e-commerce and community building, dot-com busts and difficulties encountered by traditional industries. The book also touches on the role of the Internet in forming various social and community networks. It also discusses the issues of copyright violations and the proliferation of Internet pornography. -- CH/K/M/ND

7. Katzenbach, Jon R.
The discipline of teams / Jon R. Katzenbach and Douglas K. Smith.
Harvard Business Press, ©2008. 61 p. 658.4022 KAT

The book outlines the discipline that defines a real team. The authors explore various features such as selecting team members for skills that make up high-performing teams. They explain how managers can set specific goals to foster team development in order to achieve improved productivity. Katzenbach and Smith provide great insights and tools for better teamwork. As a follow-up to their insights and strategies, practical exercises are provided at the conclusion of each chapter for both team members and leaders to get them on the road to optimal performance. -- CH/K/M/ND

8. Managing Difficult People. Harvard Business Press, ©2008. 175 p.
658.3045 MAN

This book is aimed at helping managers develop their problem solving skills and learn to exercise sound managerial judgment. It presents cases

presenting a common managerial dilemma. The leading experts weigh in on various crucial issues that managers often face and provide advice on how the problem might be resolved. For each problem different scenarios are provided, each with several detailed solutions from the leading experts. It provides insightful advice to make the right call in tough situations. -- CH/K/M/ND

COMMUNICATION

9. Silverblatt, Art.
Approaches to media literacy : a handbook / Art Silverblatt, Jane Ferry and Barbara Finan. 2nd ed. M.E. Sharpe, ©2009. 315 p. 302.23 SIL

The book provides a range of qualitative approaches that can be applied to the study of media. These approaches introduce students to different strategies to make media content accessible and understandable. The authors aim to enable the students to see media content from different perspectives, familiarizing them with approaches to take a critical look at the information received through mass media and to develop skills with regard to what media to use and how to interpret information that they receive. -- CH/ND

10. Streitmatter, Rodger.
Mightier than the sword : how the news media have shaped American history / Rodger Streitmatter. 2nd ed. Westview Press, ©2008. 323 p. 070.4 STR

This volume digs through American history to illustrate how press has always been shaping public events in the American society. The book visits some the landmark events in the U.S. history to reveal how American journalism has extended beyond mere recoding and reporting events to guiding the events. The second edition of the title takes the discussion beyond historic events. It takes a look at media's role during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and its impact on subsequent events. The volume also looks beyond traditional methods of news reporting and discusses the new dimensions that have resulted due to the Internet and other modern technology in news reporting. -- CH/K/ND

ECONOMICS

11. Buffett, Mary.
The Tao of Warren Buffett : Warren Buffett's words of wisdom : quotations and interpretations to help guide you to billionaire wealth and enlightened business management / Mary Buffett and David Clark. Scribner, ©2006. 174 p. 332.6 BUF

Mary Buffett and David Clark present a collection from over a hundred of Mr. Warren Buffett's insightful quotes and aphorisms on a variety of topics. The book presents Buffett's observations and enlightening truisms on investing, business management, choosing a career, and pursuing a successful life. After each quote the authors provide an explanation of their assumed meanings in practical terms. These explanations are insightful and carry personal examples from Warren Buffett's life. It is an attempt to reveal the life philosophy and investment strategies of Warren Buffett. -- CH

12. Devereaux, Charan.
Case studies in US trade negotiation / Charan Devereaux, Robert Z. Lawrence and Michael D. Watkins. Institute for International Economics, ©2006. 2 v. REF 382 DEV

This two volume set offers a series of case studies that explores the changing substance of U.S. trade agreements and the negotiation process. Each case study reveals the way U.S. political system and the international trading system function. Together, they illustrate various components of the negotiation process and detail the events and key players surrounding trade negotiations and disputes. The title offers an interesting read especially for the students of foreign trade and international cooperation. -- (For use only in the Library) ND

13. Global capitalism unbound : winners and losers from offshore outsourcing / edited by Eva Paus. Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 270 p. 338.6042 GLO

In this timely volume, leading scholars and practitioners analyze the implications of outsourcing. Outsourcing has transformed the world and transformed it into a single global labor market. This transformation will likely benefit countries like India and China. But this transition is also assessed by

many to be bumpy. The contributors to this volume analyze and explore how this might unfold. They offer unique comprehensive scholarship on the topic taking the offshore outsourcing debate to the next level. -- CH/K/M/ND

14. Posner, Richard A.
A failure of capitalism : the crisis of '08 and the descent into depression / Richard A. Posner. Harvard University Press, ©2009. 346 p. 330 POS

Posner reviews the financial and economic crisis that began in 2008 and analyses its impact on the stock market and unemployment. He investigates the root of the problem and scans through the causes and consequences of the financial crisis. Next, he examines and evaluates the actions and measures taken by government to beat the crisis. Finally, he looks at the lessons we should be learning from the current crisis and what could be done to avoid such crises in the future. -- CH/K/M/ND

15. Yeoman, R. S.
Handbook of United States coins / R. S. Yeoman ; edited by Kenneth Bressett. Whitman Pub., ©2009. 255 p. REF 737.4 YEO

This book provides complete information on all United States coins in a concise and logical manner. The book contains historical information, hundreds of actual-size photos, grading and collecting tips, detailed mintage records, and pricing data. Its price listings offer a real-world look at the coin market. The book is a standard reference used by U.S. coin dealers to make buying offers. -- (For use only in the Library) CH

EDUCATION

16. Cerney, Janet.
Deaf education in America : voices of children from inclusion settings / Janet Cerney. Gallaudet University Press, ©2007. 218 p. 371.912 CER

In this thorough study, Cerney examines the special education needs of deaf students and explores the possibility of their integration into general

classrooms. She details the complex issues surrounding the inclusion of deaf students into general classroom settings and explores whether inclusion truly met their needs. The book also examines the theory and history behind inclusion in the backdrop of the No Child Left Behind Act. The study is based on interviews with deaf students, interpreters, teachers, and parents who speak for themselves on a diverse range of issues. Based on the summary of this, Cerney assesses and what can work well for the deaf students and makes recommendations for improvement in this specific sector of education. -- K

17. Fish, Stanley Eugene.
Save the world on your own time / Stanley Fish. Oxford University Press, ©2008. 189 p. 378.12 FIS

Stanley Fish talks about the role of higher education institutions and offers profound suggestions on university teaching. He argues against the politicization of the classroom and suggests that teachers should not bring their political views into the classrooms. Fish insists that a professor's proper role in society is to advance bodies of knowledge and introduce students to state-of-the-art methods of analysis. He believes it is unprofessional on the part of academics to deliver verdicts about right and wrong, thus influencing the political views of their students. -- K

ENVIRONMENT

18. Dillard, Annie.
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek / Annie Dillard. HarperPerennial, ©2007. 290 p. 508 DIL

In a collection of related essays, Annie Dillard recounts her observations on the ecological happenings at Tinker Creek located in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Virginia. Dillard presents a mix of memoir, science, anthropology, philosophy, theology and ecology. She attempts to discover the true nature of the natural world around us. Underneath the discussions on the diversity and complexity of nature is an attempt to understand the place of individual in this seemingly paradoxical world. -- ND

19. Doppelt, Bob.
The power of sustainable thinking : how to create a positive future for the climate, the planet, your organization and your life / Bob Doppelt. Sterling, ©2009. 218 p. 333.72 DOP

Well-known sustainability, business, and organizational change specialist Bob Doppelt presents a provocative guide that encourages its readers to transform their climate-demanding unsustainable ways of thinking into a sustainable thinking. Primarily targeted for businesses, organizations and government agencies, it seeks to promote more environmentally friendly approaches. Rather than advocating policy directions on sustainable development, Doppelt calls for a fundamental shift in the way people think and perceive our world. The author is positive about the resulting positive impact on our environment, and is confident that a cognitive shift at the individual level will ultimately percolate and translate at the organizational level. -- CH

20. McCarthy, Tom.
Auto mania : cars, consumers, and the environment / Tom McCarthy. Yale University Press, ©2007. 347 p. 338.47 MCC

McCarthy constructs an interesting account of American automobile history focusing specifically on the relationship between car, consumer capitalism and the environment. He reveals how consumer choices have shaped the product life cycle of cars. He touches upon early opposition to cars, the heavy draw on natural resources, repercussions for the environment including effect on air and water, industry resistance to change and other related issues. The author contends that although environmental problems created by the American automobile industry and its consumers were recognized early, it has been difficult addressing them. -- CH

21. Shrader-Frechette, K.S.
Taking action, saving lives : our duties to protect environment and public health / Kristin Shrader-Frechette. Oxford University Press, ©2007. 299 p. 362.1 SHR

Citing examples and case studies, Kristin Shrader-Frechette depicts how the U.S. government has failed to protect its citizens from the adverse health impacts of industrial and agricultural toxins and other pollutants. She considers moral and ethical aspects of environmental health issues and discusses

how both science and its regulators have frequently been captured by well-funded polluters and special interest groups. The author, however, primarily puts the blame on ordinary citizens. According to her, every individual in a democracy has the duty to prevent avoidable environmental hazards, remain informed about, and participate in the public health and environmental decision-making process. She offers ways in which people can contribute towards this. -- CH

HISTORY & CIVILIZATION

22. Let nobody turn us around : voices of resistance, reform, and renewal : an African American anthology / edited by Manning Marable and Leith Mullings. 2nd ed. Rowman & Littlefield, ©2009. 676 p. 973.0496073 LET

This anthology explores the African American struggle against racial inequality by placing Black people at the center of the forces of history. The second edition of the title captures the transformations in the past two decades. In particular, with the election of Barack Obama as the forty fourth president of the United States, the public discourse about race and the meaning of racial difference has been substantially modified. -- CH/K/M/ND

INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

23. Cassell, Kay Ann.
Reference and information services in the 21st century : an introduction / Kay Ann Cassell and Uma Hiremath. Neal-Schuman Publishers, ©2006. 378 p. 025.524 CAS

This is a ready reference text for the new generation of library and information professionals. The book introduces the reader to the broad world of reference and information service. The authors discuss such topics as reference interviews, search strategies, major reference tools, user instruction, management of reference and future trends in reference work. The book also provides an overview of what reference service encompasses in today's changing world. The book combines both practical elements and guiding principles, and is grounded in real-world practices. -- (For use only in the Library) K

24. Rosenberg, Scott.
Dreaming in code : two dozen programmers, three years, 4,732 bugs,
and one quest for transcendent software / Scott Rosenberg. Three
Rivers Press, ©2008. 403 p. 005.1 ROS

Scott trails the process and challenges confronted in developing software through the lens of Chandler, a software application intended for management of personal information. The author spent years observing a team of software developers led by Mitch Kapor, the creator of the Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet, in an effort to create a novel personal information manager. The application was meant to challenge market-leader Microsoft Outlook with its elegant innovations. The team included legendary programmer Andy Hertzfeld, Lou Montulli, philosopher coder John Anderson, Andi Vajda and managers Michael Toy and Katie Parlante. Written in an accessible language, the book offers insight not only into the information age but also into the workings of the human mind. -- CH/K/M/ND

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

25. Combating weapons of mass destruction : the future of international
nonproliferation policy / edited by Nathan E. Busch and Daniel H.
Joyner. University of Georgia Press, ©2009. 395 p. 327.1747 COM

Leading scholars and experts in nonproliferation studies analyze the threat posed by the weapons of mass destruction and terrorism at global level and propose some policy guidelines. Extremely well-researched chapters address the challenges faced by the international community, assess the existing treaties including the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and make policy recommendations. They figure September 11 tragedy and other terrorist attacks as painful gaps in nonproliferation policies and regimes. Identifying the spread of weapons of mass destruction as one of the greatest threats to international peace and security, the scholars believe that the time has come for making some tough choices. The essays have been written in a clear and concise style which makes the volume accessible for wider readership. -- CH/K/M/ND

26. Fidler, David.
Biosecurity in the global age : biological weapons, public health, and the rule of law / David P. Fidler and Lawrence O. Gostin. Stanford Law and Politics, ©2008. 306 p. 363.32 FID

In a sensible call for global biosecurity, Fidler and Gostin analyze the dramatic transformations that are reshaping how we address biological weapons and infectious diseases. Both of these offer significant threats at the national, regional, and global level. The authors beautifully capture the prevailing dilemma over security and research needs, and between the need for criminalization and civil rights. They stress the need to regulate the biological sciences today. They identify four emerging policy trends—the criminalization of biological weapons, the regulation of the biological sciences, the management of the biodefense imperative, and the preparation for biological weapons attack. -- CH/K/M/ND

27. Koblentz, Gregory D.
Living weapons : biological warfare and international security / Gregory D. Koblentz. Cornell University Press, ©2009. 255 p. 358.38 KOB

This insightful volume deftly discusses the unique dilemmas that biological weapons have posed for defense, intelligence, arms control, and global governance. Despite banning biological weapons, proliferation of these weapons has been on the rise. Koblentz seeks to explain the underlying principles of the existing paradoxes. The author notes that biological weapons can be easily developed and acquired by less powerful states and terrorist groups to wage asymmetric warfare. He also examines the terrorist groups' interest in these weapons and the obstacles they face in procuring them. The author argues that biological weapons will continue to threaten international security unless some concrete actions are taken in time. -- CH/K/M/ND

28. Martin, Gus.
Understanding terrorism : challenges, perspectives, and issues / Gus Martin. 3rd ed. Sage. ©2010. 363.325 MAR

This book introduces readers to terrorism in the contemporary era and provides a multi-disciplinary, comprehensive exploration of the underlying causes of terrorism. It addresses terrorism from multiple perspectives and

includes updated case studies and theories, enhanced graphics and new photographs. Martin has included discussion boxes that facilitate classroom debate as the book is aimed at students and instructors. There is an opening viewpoint section at the beginning of each chapter that analyzes current theories and policies and a companion web site that offers additional resources and teaching materials. The book also provides several examples of events from around the world. -- CH/K/M/ND

29. Rosenau, James N.
People count! : networked individuals in global politics / James N. Rosenau. Paradigm Publishers, ©2008. 191 p. 327.1 ROS

This book reorients our thinking about international relations to the micro-level. Rosenau primarily looks into the way people shape and are being shaped by the macro organizations they belong to. The central premise is that as time and space continue to shrink with the development of new technologies, people become ever more important to the course of events. The author analyzes selected individual roles salient in modern life. There are analyses of basic roles people occupy in their family, community, and society, including the wider world. He also takes stock of the numerous ways people count in global politics. He insists no matter what role they may play, people make a difference. -- CH/K/M/ND

LAW

30. Nickel, James W.
Making sense of human rights / James W. Nickel. 2nd ed. Blackwell Publishing, ©2007. 267 p. 341.481 NIC

This book is an excellent introduction to the theory and philosophy of human rights. Since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the concept of human rights has gained considerable popularity among philosophers and lawyers. Although many philosophers have constructed their own theories of rights without referring to the international human rights movement, this book's approach is to the contrary. It develops and builds upon the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the treaties that followed. The book addresses a number of questions ranging from historical and analytical to the issues of justification and affordability. It seeks to defend the contemporary idea of human rights against a variety of philosophical and practical objections. -- CH/K/M/ND

31. Plotkin, Robert.
The genie in the machine : how computer-automated inventing is revolutionizing law and business / Robert Plotkin. Stanford Law Books, ©2009. 270 p. 346.730486 PLO

Plotkin, an intellectual property attorney, wonders who should be credited for inventing something using a software—the computer or the individual. He finds that the existing patent law fails to cover such broad interpretation. The author illustrates an urgent need to reform the existing law and stresses that it should neither be too strong nor too weak in order to protect the future rights of inventors, businesses, and consumers. Plotkin posits that "Computer Automated Inventing" or "Artificial Invention Technology" does not replace the human mind; rather, it augments and partners with its human counterpart to build a better mousetrap, whatever that might be. From toothbrushes to auto assembly, the author uses easy-to-understand analogies that even lay readers will understand. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2009)

32. The Rehnquist legacy / edited by Craig M. Bradley. Cambridge University Press, ©2006. 392 p. 347.732634 REH

Bradley presents a collection of 18 essays by a group of legal scholars who assess the legal legacy of Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the United States Supreme Court. The collection depicts his thirty-three years legacy as a Supreme Court Justice highlighting his achievements in areas where he had been most influential. The focus of the essays revolves around the First Amendment's free speech protections, criminal procedures, federalism, and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The volume gives a first-hand comprehensive assessment of different perspectives on the U.S. Supreme Court during the Rehnquist years. -- CH/K/ND

33. Whittington, Keith E.
Political foundations of judicial supremacy : the presidency, the Supreme Court, and constitutional leadership in U.S. history / Keith E. Whittington. Princeton University Press, ©2007. 303 p. 347.7312 WHI

The insightful analysis of this volume digs through the foundations of judicial supremacy in the United States. Keith Whittington discusses the rise of judicial supremacy and maintains that the Supreme Court is the ultimate interpreter of the Constitution. She deftly examines the dynamic relationship

between the Court and other political actors. This significant study of the political construction of judicial power and growth of judicial authority in the U.S. illustrates how judicial supremacy in the American constitutional government receives support from its elected representatives. -- CH/K/ND

LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

34. The Cambridge companion to the Harlem Renaissance / edited by George Hutchinson. Cambridge University Press, ©2007. 272 p. 810.9 CAM

This comprehensive guide on the African American literary movement discusses the topic in its historical context, both national and international. The essays included in this companion discuss a wide array of authors and texts on the topic. The book offers both current wisdom as well as new readings in context and encourages readers to explore further. -- CH/ND

35. Dillard, Annie.
For the time being / Annie Dillard. Knopf : Distributed by Random House. 205 p. 814.54 DIL

In this non-fiction first person narrative, Dillard presents a panorama of our world, both past and present. She offers an inspiring meditation on life, death, birth, God, evil, eternity, the nuclear age and the human predicament. In disjointed accounts, she discusses the natural history of sand, a catalogue of clouds, newborns at an obstetrical ward, a family of Mongol horsemen. She follows Jesuit paleontologist Teilhard de Chardin in China and Hasidics in Eastern Europe. Through these interesting accounts, she poses questions about God, natural evil, and individual existence. Her cosmic perspective compels us to confront our denial of death, world suffering and of interconnectedness of all people. Book's amazing breadth and depth provokes us to revisit our beliefs, dogmas and souls. -- M

36. Richter, Conrad.
The trees : Conrad Richter. Ohio University Press. 167 p. RIC

This is a moving story of the beginning of the American trek to the West at the close of the eighteenth century. The book is set in the Ohio valley after the Revolutionary War and is imbued with vibrant characters and a fast-moving story line. Richter presents a vivid description of the land with an unbroken sea of trees and with dark, silent and lonely forest trails brightened only by a few lost beams of sunlight. He traces the travails of the Lockett family's move from Pennsylvania to Ohio, bringing to life the challenges of frontier settlers. -- ND

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

37. Gura, Philip F.
American transcendentalism : a history / Philip F. Gura. Hill and Wang, ©2007. 365 p. 141.3 GUR

Most people associate transcendentalism with Ralph Waldo Emerson, who played a significant role in its emergence. Gura, in this volume, introduces readers to other Americans who contributed to the movement, including Orestes Brownson, George Ripley, and Theodore Parker. He presents the history and evolution of transcendentalism which attracted many clergymen and New Englanders. He explains how the movement was influenced by German philosophy and theology, and how, over time, German influence began to fade and the movement became uniquely American. The book discusses the fractures between Emerson and others in the movement, for example Ripley and Brownson, which further changed its focus. By the end of the Civil War, Emerson's stress on individualism and self-reliance had supplanted the earlier transcendentalist ideals of humanitarian reform and egalitarianism. Gura further illustrates transcendentalism's influence on other disciplines. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

38. Melton, J. Gordon.
Melton's encyclopedia of American religions / J. Gordon Melton. 8th
ed. Gale Cengage Learning, ©2009. 1386 p. REF 200 MEL

This reference volume offers a comprehensive survey of some 2,300 religious and spiritual groups currently active in the United States and Canada. The encyclopedia opens with three introductory essays tracing the development of religion in the United States and Canada. It then presents general essays that describe the developments of the 24 major religious families and traditions. Integrated into these essays are directory listings of individual groups that give information on organization name and contact details, descriptive information obtained from the group itself, statistics on membership, affiliated post-secondary educational institutions, periodicals and newsletters issued by the groups, and bibliographic sources on the group. Unclassified Christian churches and other unclassified groups are listed in separate directories. Appendixes offer information on defunct groups and list organizations by location. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/K/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2009)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

39. Landy, Marc Karnis.
American government : balancing democracy and rights / Marc Landy
and Sidney M. Milkis. 2nd ed. Cambridge University Press, 2008.
825 p. 320.973 LAN

This introductory textbook offers a full array of information about contemporary American government and politics and provides a framework of democracy versus rights. The book adopts an American Political Development (ADP) approach, which makes the content more comprehensible and meaningful. The book also looks into how public opinion affects political institutions and their dynamics. The book comes with a companion web site for further exploration and research on the topic. -- K

PSYCHOLOGY

40. Welch, Suzy.
10-10-10 : 10 minutes, 10 months, 10 years - a life-transforming idea /
Suzy Welch. Scribner, ©2009. 226 p. 153.83 WEL

Welch in this book provides a transformative new approach to decision making. As life depends on the quality of our decisions, the author challenges the readers to determine how decisions impact their life immediately, in the short term, and in the long term. Before taking any decision, one must consider the available options and their consequences in ten minutes, ten months, and ten years. The right decision is the one that aligns the consequences with people's personal goals and values. The author also provides compelling anecdotes from her own life and different people she has met over the years. -- ND

SOCIOLOGY

41. Bennett, Gina M.
National security mom : why "going soft" will make America strong /
Gina M. Bennett. Wyatt-MacKenzie Publishing, ©2009. 163 p.
303.625 BEN

In this timely volume, Gina Bennett seeks to demystify U.S. national security concerns and describe it in terms of parenting. The author's arguments are based on her two decades of association with the U.S. Intelligence Community and fifteen years of parenting experience. She skillfully demonstrates how parenting rules are coherent with that of national security and advocates how lessons taught to children are appropriate for the nation. This book encourages parents, especially mothers, to confidently engage themselves in the public national security debate. -- CH/K/M/ND

42. Hahn, Steven.
The political worlds of slavery and freedom / Steven Hahn. Harvard University Press, ©2009. 246 p. 306.362 HAH

Hahn's new book is based on the Nathan I. Huggins Lectures delivered by him at Harvard University and encourages us to rethink African American history and politics in more dynamic terms. The volume illustrates the story of slave emancipation and its grassroots politics. It places African Americans as central actors in the arena of American politics and demonstrates how the history of resistance, rebellion, and mobilization has reshaped the American political and social arena. -- CH/K/M/ND

43. Levinthal, Charles F.
Drugs, society, and criminal justice / Charles F. Levinthal. 2nd ed. Pearson/Allyn and Bacon, ©2008. 432 p. 362.29 LEV

This book, which is an adaptation of Levinthal's *Drug, Behavior, and Modern Society*, presents basic facts and major issues related to drug taking behavior. Primarily oriented towards the students of sociology and criminal justice, the book explores the relationship between drug use and the American criminal justice system. It stresses educating society about illicit drugs like cocaine, amphetamines, heroin, hallucinogens, and marijuana apart from legally available drugs such as alcohol and nicotine. Further, it discusses accessibility of these drugs to the general public and societal attitudes towards their use. -- CH/K/M/ND

44. Rudman, Laurie A.
The social psychology of gender : how power and intimacy shape gender relations / Laurie A. Rudman and Peter Glick. Guilford Press, ©2008. 386 p. 305.3 RUD

Presenting an introduction to the current state of the literature on gender, Rudman and Glick describe prevailing beliefs about gender relations and associated attitudes that affect our expectations, judgments, feelings, and behavior. Gender relations are often full of contradictions and complexities. The authors take on many ambiguities and try to set them right, based on a model grounded in relative differences in power and status. With the help of several real-world examples, they demonstrate the unique interdependence of men and women. The scope of the book extends from power imbalances and interactions in romantic relationships to that in the workplaces. It also discusses the barriers in attaining gender parity. -- CH/K/M/ND

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